



AN INDIAN GETS HIS WARPAINT applied at the YMCA induction ceremony when 1,000 fathers and sons became members of the Y's Indian Guides group. Everett Bradford, left, and Edward Stevenson, right, daub Charles Ringey, one of the hundreds of boys who became Y members in the largest induction ceremony conducted by the Y on the west coast.

YMCA Paints 1,000 Sons and Dads in Mass Induction Rite

Almost 1,000 Dads and Sons were formally inducted into the Torrance YMCA in a colorful ceremony last Thursday evening. Gilbert Anderson, Chief of the "Wamptusi Nation," said that the mass induction was the largest ever held on the west coast.

Twenty new YMCA Clubs received their national charters, membership cards, and were "painted in" to the YMCA with Indian war paint.

Boys between the ages of six and 12 years became members as their parents looked on. They recited the YMCA purpose together, and were welcomed by many Indian Chiefs from over forty other Torrance YMCA Clubs.

New groups were formed from students at Edison, Carr, Crenshaw, Riviera, Hillside, Parkway, Flavian, Newton, Wood, and Fern Ave. schools.

During the evening, several scores of the boys also received graduation diplomas from Y-Indian Guides into the Gr-Y program for boys nine through 12.

Another highlight of the evening was the formation of the Longhouse, a second governing body created due to the rapid growth of YMCA Indian Guides. The Chief of the new Longhouse is Glen Mosman, who will share the leadership with Anderson.

The unique feature of the YMCA's program here in Torrance is that each Dad must join along with his son. More than 500 Dads accepted the challenge to "become pals with their sons" as they became members of the "Y" during the huge ceremony.

Douglas Cannon, Program



CHIEF OF WAMPTUSI NATION, Gilbert Anderson, is joined by two little chiefs, his sons, as he presides over the YMCA induction ceremony which brought 1,000 fathers and their sons into the Y's Indian Guides.

Secretary for the Torrance YMCA, reminded all dads and sons to "Grow strong in body, mind, and spirit as they enjoyed the many activities of the YMCA's clubs, tribes, camps, and athletic programs."

Joe Wilcox, Executive Secretary, closed the meeting with a prayer of thankfulness for the concern that the many fathers had demonstrated for their children.

With the last words of prayer, the din of more than 40 toms, and the swish of more than 10,000 feathers disappeared as the new YMCA members returned home with their new membership cards and to have their war-painted faces washed.

North Torrance Group Protests Tax Increases

A protest against the increase in taxes and assessments was registered by the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association in a formal resolution sent to County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn this week.

The association complained to Hahn that assessments had risen as much as 35 per cent in the North Torrance area and that the increase was disproportionate.

"The assessment of new property has been increased in greater proportion than property in the older established areas," the resolution, adopted by the association's board of directors, declared.

While the association's resolution was the first formal action to come from a Torrance group, the city council heard a discussion of high taxes at its meeting last week.

Mayor Albert Isen allied himself with Redondo Beach's Mayor LeRoy Center who had blasted the abnormal rise in taxes and blamed the county government for permitting excessive frills in governmental services to bring about the need for more tax funds.

Isen proposed that the city determine exactly how much money it had paid the county and exactly how much money or services in kind it had received from the county in the last three years.

Isen was informed by Councilman Robert B. Jahn that the University of Southern California was conducting an impartial survey to gather those figures for the entire area.

Jahn said a breakdown of the figures as applied to Torrance would probably not be in the survey and agreed with Isen that the USC study section should be asked to collect the figures as they applied to the city.

Town Topics

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY contest winner, 15-year-old Bob Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Brooks, of 420 Calle Mayor, is to represent Torrance in the district finals of the contest sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. The plaque won by Brooks will be the first to go into South High's trophy case. For Brooks, the award was the second he's won in a year. He was awarded first prize in the one-act playwriting contest sponsored by Rosemary DeCamp. Playwriting is his hobby; writing is the work he wants to do. He's off to a good start in both.

ANOTHER LITTLE LEAGUE baseball field is being developed by the Optimist Club to provide play room for approximately 800 boys. The field, donated by the Federal Burner Corporation building on Jefferson st., just off Crenshaw Blvd., was cleared and showed by a team of Optimists working in their spare time for two weeks. Chairman of the club's Little League Committee, Dave Figueredo, came to the city council to ask help in the last job. The club wanted the use of some of the city's equipment to level the field. They got it.

TWO BOY SCOUT TROOPS, 209 and 241, were granted permission by the city to sell Christmas trees. Troop 209 will set up its stand at Mercolina and Arlington aves., and Troop 241 at the southwest corner of Western ave. and 220 st.

AN UNDERCURRENT BATTLE at the Torrance Adult Center was apparently resolved by the City Council and the Park and Recreation Commission. The battle was between those who wanted to keep the windows shut to keep out the cold and those who wanted the windows open to drive out the smoke. The commission recommended that a fan be purchased. The council agreed.

Telephone Co. Seeks New Rate Increase

Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company this week filed an amendment to its application for a telephone rate increase now pending before the California Public Utilities Commission. Unchanged is the 6.9 per cent rate of return sought by the company in its original application.

The amendment seeks to offset higher wage costs. Most telephone employees have been granted wage increases within the last five weeks and comparable offers have been made in bargaining with unions representing most of the remaining employees.

In its amended application,

the company is asking to increase monthly rates for basic telephone service throughout the state. The original rate application, filed August 7, did not ask for any changes in basic rates.

Monthly increases for residence customers would be five cents on four party, suburban, and farmer line service, ten cents on all two party services, and 35 cents on one party lines. The increase on basic services would be at flat 35 cents per month. Overall effect of the amendment would be to increase company revenues by about \$12,000,000 annually.

R. S. Pyle, local manager for

Pacific Telephone, commented on the effect of the amended application in Torrance.

"The majority of our residence customers here would pay ten cents or less additional per month for their service. For example, a customer with a two-party line would pay \$3.35 monthly instead of the present \$3.25, not including tax."

James S. Cantlen, vice president and general manager for Pacific Telephone, made this statement.

"This supplementary application is necessary if we are to realize the rate of return asked in our original application. We believe this is the minimum return we can operate on under today's conditions and still carry out the expansion and improvement program that is so

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South High Staff Ready For Move

Dr. W. Bruce Magner, Jr., newly named principal of South High school, and his staff recruited from North and Torrance High schools, were organizing moving activities this week.

They were preparing to move South High's scattered student body, records and material into the new school building during the Christmas holidays in time for school opening January 1. Assisting Magner in the job of arranging the moving schedule is John A. Lucas, assistant North High school principal and boys' adviser at Torrance High.

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City Youth Proposed for All-American (Midget) Team

The All-America City may soon have an All-American football player, if the City Council has any say in the matter.

The council adopted a resolution, offered by Councilman Willy Blount, which asked the Pop Warner Foundation Midget Football League to consider the merits of Tim Roettger in its selection of the 1957 All-America midget football team.

Roettger, a 12-year old Seaside Elementary School student, is quarterback of the Redondo Ramblers, the championship midget grid team in

the area. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Roettger, of 23043 Doris Way.

Under Tim's field leadership, the Ramblers, composed mostly of boys from Torrance, have bowled over all their opposition.

The Pop Warner Conference originally started 27 years ago with a nucleus of four sandlot teams. It has since grown to 5000 teams over the nation. A special rule book guides the teams made up according to strict age and weight limits. Games are played on miniature football fields with a junior size ball and with complete safety equipment.

38 Million Xmas Trees

Where do Christmas trees come from?

The U. S. Forest Service reports the greater portion of 38 million Christmas trees comes from the states bordering Canada with the exception of North Dakota.

Regional figures show the following tree production: Northeast 4,382,120, lake states 7,875,000, central states, 820,000, southern states 3,624,000, prairie states 412,923, southern Rocky mountain 482,000, and northwest and Pacific coast 7,773,180.

A Day's Work For Chest Volunteer

Residential volunteer workers totalling 1,924 canvassed and are still canvassing their neighborhoods during the current Community Chest campaign in the Harbor Area.

What is it like going from door to door, working voluntarily to raise money to support 167 health and welfare agencies? The following store in pictures depicts a day in the life of a Community Chest residential worker, Mrs. Casimer Russak.

Mrs. Russak, the mother of four children, two boys and two girls, lives at 3228 Danaha, in Waverly. She is secretary of the Waverly PTA and den mother for a Cub Scout troop, Den 5, Pack 240C. On Monday, Nov. 4, the opening day of the residential campaign, Mrs. Russak set out to make her calls.

Volunteers, such as Mrs. Russak, are the backbone of the Community Chest campaign to collect funds enough to support the 167 activities and agencies allied with the chest.

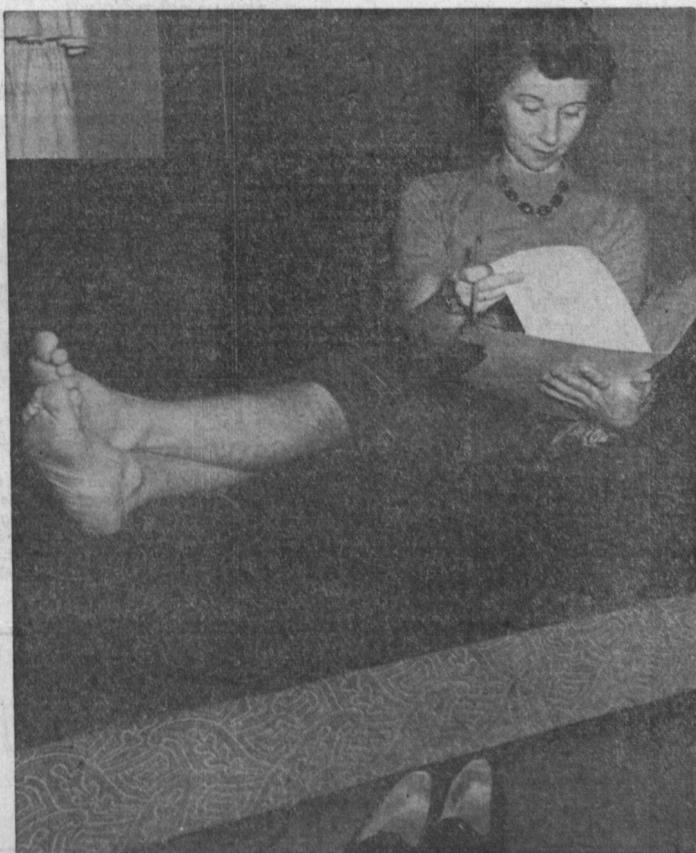
In Torrance, hundreds of women have been going on a door-to-door campaign since the beginning of November to collect the \$19,800 quota set for the city chest chapter, headed by Glenn Koger. Volunteers are now in the final drive to collect less than \$1000 needed to put the city campaign over the top.



ON HER WAY: Before her stretches the block of houses which is her assignment. For every donation, Mrs. Russak will fill out a slip giving the name and address of every person who donates and the amount of the donation. She will also give each person who donates a receipt. In her work kit is information about the Chest which will answer almost any question concerning the organization which a person may wish to ask her.



FIRST DONATION: Mrs. Russak receives a donation from Mrs. Robert Schrauben after answering her questions: "May I designate this donation for one particular agency, such as the Children's Hospital?" Her answer was "yes." Such requests are noted down and complied with. "What are some of the other agencies the Chest supports?" The answer was recreation and youth services such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and the YWCA.



THE END OF THE DAY: Mrs. Russak rests after calling at every home listed on her assignment sheet, and looks back over the notes she made on some of them. She is tired but has a feeling of accomplishment. "My feet hurt," she said, "but I enjoyed doing this job because I feel it is worthwhile. I met some

interesting people willing to share what they have with others who need help." Her feelings are matched by the close to 2,000 women in the area who have been spending their days, and many evenings, in volunteer work for the Chest. The women are now in the final stages of the drive.